

The Bulletin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.
FOR SHERIFF.
We are authorized to announce JOHN H. ROBINSON as a candidate for Sheriff of Alexander county, at the coming county election.
We are authorized to announce that H. A. Edmondson is an independent Republican candidate for Sheriff, at the coming county election.

RATES OF ADVERTISING.
All bills for advertising, are due and payable in advance.
Transient advertising will be inserted at the rate of 10 cents per square for the first insertion and 5 cents for each subsequent one. A liberal discount will be made on standing and display advertisements.
For inserting funeral notices \$1.00 Notice of meeting of societies or secret orders 50 cents for each insertion.
Church, Society, Festival and Supper notices will only be inserted as advertisements.
No advertisement will be received at less than 50 cents, and no advertisement will be inserted for less than three dollars per month.

Local Business Notices, of ten lines or more, inserted in the Bulletin as follows:
Commence counting at ten lines.
One insertion per line..... 5 Cents
Two insertions per line..... 7 Cents
Three insertions per line..... 10 Cents
Six insertions per line..... 15 Cents
Two weeks per line..... 25 Cents
One month per line..... 35 Cents
No reduction will be made in above prices.

CITY NEWS.

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1876.

Local Weather Report.

TIME	BAR.	DIR.	WIND.	VEL.	WEATH.
7 A. M.	30.1	78	SE	10	Clear
10 " "	30.1	78	SE	11	Clear
1 P. M.	30.1	78	SE	11	Clear
4 P. M.	30.1	78	SE	11	Clear

JAMES WATSON,
Sergeant, Signal Service, U. S. A.

Short.

The council proceedings, which are of unusual length, crowd almost all other matter out of this issue of the Bulletin.

Removal.

E. A. Wheeler & Co. have removed their office from 83 Ohio levee, to No. 64 Ohio levee, up stairs.

Tickets.

Tickets for the minstrel entertainment tonight can be had at Hartman's, corner of Commercial avenue and Sixth street.

Sick.

We regret to hear that Mr. Marsh Warren is lying very sick with hemorrhage of the bowels. We hope he will come out of his sickness in due time.

Elegant Novelties.

Ribbons, fans and parasols, latest styles and lowest prices for sale at Burger & Co's. Also an exquisite lot of cashmere and cere ties, in the newest designs.

The Streets.

Street Superintendent Gorman is out improving the streets wherever they need repairs. He devoted his time to Eighth street between Washington and Commercial avenues yesterday.

Wood! Wood!

On and after this date C. W. Wheeler & Co. will offer cord wood at \$3 50 per cord; same sawed and split, \$5 00; single loads \$1 75 per load. Strictly cash, 5-11-m

White Goods.

White goods and linens, including all kinds of white wear for ladies and children, at Burger & Co's. The prices of these goods are extremely low, and the stock is a most attractive one.

Boarding.

Mrs. Stewart, having moved to the large frame house at the corner of Seventh street and Washington avenue, will board and lodge good reliable persons, at \$20 per month. Rooms large and airy. 5-12-1f.

Strawberry Festival.

The ladies of the Episcopal church have decided to give a strawberry festival next week, Thursday. They are making all necessary arrangements to render all happy and delighted. Full particulars will be given hereafter.

Confidence Men.

A country man made complaint to the officers yesterday afternoon that he had been beaten out of four dollars by a dapper named John Stewart, who was arrested and taken before Justice Cummings for trial. He was fined twenty-five dollars and costs, and sent to jail in default of payment.

500 Book Agents.

Wanted in Illinois for the new illustrated Thistle Edition of Sir Walter Scott's Waverley novels and other popular publications. Liberal inducements to good agents. Send for circular and terms to W. H. Easton & Co., 125 Clark street, Room 79, Chicago. 4-27-eod-1*

The Minstrels To-Night.

The minstrel performance of the Taylor Literary club takes place at the Athenaeum to-night. This entertainment will surpass any yet given by the society, and we hope a full house will greet the gentlemen, as they have spared neither time or money to make it a success. The show will consist of songs, dances, duets, sketches and negro eccentricities, and will be unsurpassed for excellence. The very best minims and character actors in Southern Illinois will take part in the performance, and none should fail to see them. Tickets are now on sale at Hartman's, corner of Commercial avenue and Sixth street.

SEE KOCH.—T. Koch, at his shop and store room, No. 90 Commercial avenue, has for sale a stock of boots and shoes of his own make; also a full stock of leather and findings for sale; and a large stock of St. Louis custom made boots and shoes. He keeps the best material and is up in all the latest styles. His fits are perfect, and satisfaction is guaranteed. Give him a call. 9-29-1f

CITY COUNCIL.

REGULAR MEETING.
COUNCIL CHAMBER,
CAIRO, ILL., May 9, 1876.
Present—His honor Mayor Winter; and Aldermen Halliday, Lancaster, McGauley, Parker, Patier, Rittenhouse, Thistlewood, Wilcox, Wright and Youcum—10.

On motion of Alderman McGauley the minutes of last meeting were approved without reading.

His honor, the mayor, then arose and delivered his annual message, as follows:

Address of the Mayor.
We are entering the third year of a new official year and one that will mark the future history of Cairo; and it will become us, the servants of the people, to weigh well every matter that pertains to the public welfare. These are times of unusual difficulty, and demand your most careful and attention, the past year being one unprecedented in the history of Cairo.

In my inaugural year ago I laid before you a statement of the financial condition of the city. Its wants, etc., and also laid before you my plans for good government. I shall now briefly call your attention to the different departments of the city government.

STREETS, DRAINAGE AND SIDEWALKS.
Sidewalks at the commencement of the last municipal year were in fair condition, but a good many needed repair, and some needed to be rebuilt. During the year we have built of
Brick sidewalks, in running feet..... 1,075
Reconstructed sidewalks, do..... 302
Repaired sidewalks, do..... 2,900
Other sidewalks occasionally repaired..... 69,747

Total amount of sidewalks in city, 77,989 being near 15 miles of sidewalk to be kept up and maintained each year.
The total amount of streets repaired, filled, and graded the past year, in lineal feet, amounts to 23,880 feet.
The amount of pipe drainage laid the past year..... 303 ft.
Total amount of wood drainage laid the past year..... 642 ft.
Total new drainage..... 1,035 ft.
Amount of other drainage cleaned and repaired..... 6,450 ft.
Total..... 7,485 ft.

RECAPITULATION.
Sidewalks of the city built and repaired..... 77,989 ft.
Streets of the city built and repaired..... 23,880 ft.
Drainage, new built and old repaired..... 7,485 ft.
Total..... 109,354 ft.

POLICE.
The police department the past year has given general satisfaction. Police headquarters have been established and fitted up with neatness and comfort, and reflects credit upon its projector. Cairo has at this time as well regulated and efficient police force of its size as any city in the State.

The following is a list of arrests made by the police the past year:
Disorderly conduct..... 292
Drunkenness..... 225
Fighting..... 105
Vagrancy..... 71
Inmates of houses of ill fame visiting dram-shops in the night time..... 27
Inmates of houses of ill fame..... 16
Doing business without license..... 13
Carrying concealed weapons..... 15
Public indecency..... 10
Selling liquor with license..... 5
Allowing dogs to run at large without being muzzled..... 4
Contributing to houses of ill fame..... 4
Leaving houses to lewd women..... 4
Keeping house of ill fame..... 4
Peddling without license..... 3
Gambling..... 3
Teaming without license..... 2
Discharging fire arms..... 1
Attempts to pick pockets..... 1

Total arrests..... 821

CITY JAIL.
Is in as good condition and kept as clean as it is possible to keep it considering the building. Prisoners the past year have acknowledged the kind treatment received at the hands of the jailor, both in regard to quality of food and humane treatment.

Total number of commitments to city jail the past year:
Males..... 287
Females..... 65
Total..... 352

FIRE DEPARTMENT.
The Cairo fire department, as I said in my inaugural, is a credit to your city. The past year's experience as chief of the fire department has not lessened my opinion of it, but on the contrary made me more firm in my belief. From the history of the fire department of Cairo for the past year, there have been three fires, all of which were extinguished by the following facts:

Whole amount expended by city the past year for the department was \$900, being far less than was appropriated for their use in the appropriation bill, and the still better condition, apparatus and hose are in better condition than they were one year ago, reflecting credit upon each individual company.

I find by the report that during the past year there have been three fires, all of which were extinguished by the following facts:
Actual fires..... 21
Other causes..... 12
Total..... 33

Total loss by fire..... \$2,000
Loss on same and paid..... 15,500 00
Insurance and above insurance..... 4,901 65

ORIGIN OF FIRES AND ALARMS.
Bursting of coal oil lamps..... 6
Inadvertent..... 6
Defective flues..... 5
Burning chimneys..... 3
Stove pipes..... 2
Sparks from chimneys..... 2
Matches..... 1
Ashes..... 1
Unknown..... 4
False..... 3

Total number..... 33
At the twenty-one actual fires the Rough and Ready fire company worked at twelve fires; Arab fire company worked at ten fires; Hibernian fire company at nine fires; and the Delta fire company at eight fires. Before leaving this important subject, I would remind you that during the past year, in all localities, such as Echo's furniture establishment, Whitlock's grocery, Grand Central hotel, and other places threatening great destruction of property, no fire extended outside of the building in which it originated—the history of the fire department of Cairo for the past year is one of which the city and citizens may well feel proud. Notwithstanding their needs a more thorough organization, and would recommend the council to offer proper inducements to the companies to organize a regular fire department for their government, so there would be a more proper and orderly discipline in time of fires, as it would be more satisfactory to the firemen and would result in greater benefit to the citizens in general.

FINANCE AND COMPTROLLER.
The finances of the city have been well

and ably managed under the supervision and direction of the Finance Committee, and I congratulate the city council and the citizens of Cairo of the healthy condition of its finances, considering the amount of work done the past and the present stagnation of business. Scrip outstanding April 30, 1875..... \$20,179 62
Amount of bonds outstanding April 30, 1875..... \$49,298 20

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR.
April 30th, 1875, cash in treasury..... \$ 4,221 14
April 30, 1876, total receipts past year..... 55,992 12

Amount paid out treasury past year..... 50,829 57
Balance in treasury April 30, 1876..... 3,221 29

CITY INDEBTEDNESS.
Bonds outstanding April 30th, 1875..... \$49,298 20
Bonds paid during year..... 550 00
Bonds outstanding April 30, 1876..... \$48,748 20

Interest bearing warrants outstanding April 30, 1875..... 20,179 62
Interest bearing warrants paid during year..... 3,272 50
Outstanding interest bearing warrant April 30, 1876..... 16,907 12

Total city indebtedness outside of levee scrip..... \$48,748 20
City indebtedness April 30, 1875..... \$49,298 20
1876..... 48,748 20

Reduction of city indebtedness for the year..... 3,822 50
TOTAL CITY INDEBTEDNESS.
April 30, 1876, bonded indebtedness..... \$48,748 20
April 30, 1876, outstanding interest bearing warrants..... 16,907 12
April 30, 1876, new levee city certificates..... 9,880 00

Total city indebtedness, bonds, interest scrip and levee warrants..... \$65,535 32
which statement shows a larger city indebtedness than one year ago, which is on account of the building of the new levee, which scrip will become absorbed by the payment of taxes for the year 1876. This is a large amount of indebtedness for a city of the size of Cairo. There is an element at work in the city who are in favor of repudiating the tax on the railroad bonds. Of the legal right of resistance to the tax I know not, but tax now assessed, in my opinion, must be paid.

Some persons advocate the dispensing with the city government and organizing under a township organization. I see nothing to be gained by this plan, and must have some kind of a government, and it the present one is economical and parties pay their tax, city government will go on.

I find the revenue the past year derived from licenses amounts to—\$14,761 36
Receipts from fines..... 1,029 06
Receipts from city scales..... 63 28
Receipts from insurance agents..... 34 52
Total..... \$15,898 32

The expenditures of the city might be reduced by a reduction of the police force even to a chief and two policemen. The salary then of all city officers per month would only be \$471 67, or each year to the sum of \$5,660 04, being only a little over one-third of the four items of revenue named, which would leave a balance of \$10,238 28 that we would have for general purposes, and by dispensing with gas, hauling of garbage, and all work on streets scattered through the city, or what could be done by the jailer, with the chain gang and the street superintendent, it would be a sufficient sum for all general purposes without levying a tax upon the people for general purposes.

All that would be necessary would be the interest upon our bonded indebtedness, and perhaps before it would be time for to make another tax levy there might be some way opened up to us, to get us out of our legal obligation to pay the railroad tax.

There was expended during past year's administration for
Salaries..... \$8,159 29
Streets..... 4,832 18
Sidewalks..... 4,337 18
Jail..... 1,063 43
Elections..... 85 00
Gas..... 3,882 26
Printing..... 333 10
New Levee..... 9,884 41
Board of Health..... 1,492 42
Drainage..... 645 87
Fire Department..... 950 00
Contingent or sundries..... 1,118 91

Total..... 31,886 35
Less Levee scrip..... 9,884 41
Total city expenditures for year for general purposes..... 20,999 94
Being several thousands less than any previous administration for years.

HEALTH.
The health of the city at the present time is good. During the year the board of health has been very active, and against. During the year there have been 36 cases of small-pox in our city, 16 of whom have received treatment at the small-pox hospital; 5 of whom died and 10 and 80 cases scattered through the city, mostly under the charge of the board of health, 5 of whom died and 15 recovered.

Total cost of handling the same during the year, amounted to \$754 33; \$80 of which was for improvements to pest house or hospital, leaving a balance of \$674 33 the actual taking care of patients, nurses, guards, provisions, fuel, etc., of all the small pox patients of \$274 33.
Total expenses of board of health for the year..... \$754 33
Small pox patients..... 674 33
Improvement to pest house..... 80 00
Disinfecting city and other contingents..... 706 09
Total..... \$1,460 42

I would state that the board of health discharged their duties faithfully, working by day and by night to stop the spread of the loathsome disease, moving many patients after midnight, by force, to a pest house, and by day and night guarding both by day and night in certain localities to prevent egress and ingress to the infected districts. Sipe water has been in our midst for nine out of the twelve months past. Every precaution has been taken by the board of health to promote a pure and healthy air.
The warm weather is approaching and I would advise and request that every one disinfect his or her premises, either by far or lime, so as to prevent contagious diseases, and the city on their part should do its portion by cleansing the streets of all impurities.

GAMBLING.
Gambling within the city limits is entirely suppressed. Having in my inaugural said it was no place for gamblers and confidence men, and they must not persevere their vocations in the city, the order has been strictly enforced, and what gambling dens were in the city are rooted out, and the morals of the community greatly benefited.

PROSTITUTION.
Although greatly suppressed, is still an evil in our midst, the large amount of prostitution the past year has been mostly for frequenting saloons at night. The number of houses are greatly reduced, and by strict police supervision over them, their condition has been greatly improved, and the morals of the community benefited.

LEVEES.
It has become a fixed fact that the citizens of Cairo must see to protecting themselves. The Cairo City Property company being the owner of only about one-fourth of the property value within the city limits, throws the responsibility upon the citizens to protect themselves from the encroachments of the rivers through the levees. The past year's experience demonstrated the fact by a tax on the people of nearly \$104,000, on the fact whose place it was to protect the levees, I presume the law will decide.

Many citizens bought property with the understanding the Cairo City Property company would maintain the levees. To the citizens of Cairo, I bid, November 10th, call the attention of the council to the matter, recommending that the city attorney notify the Illinois Central Railroad company, Cairo and St. Louis Railroad company, and the Cairo City Property company of the condition of the levees, and that the same must be protected. A resolution was passed to that effect and served upon the parties in interest that they were held responsible, so that any citizens wishing to litigate for damages, the proper steps had been taken by the city in their interest.

It being a fact we have to take care of, repair and maintain the levees, would it not be well for us to receive the revenue derived from the same, and see if there cannot be some amicable settlement made whereby the city would become the owner, and thus put to rest for all time to come the question of whose right it is to maintain the levees.

PATRIOTS.
The past year has been one of great interest to the citizens of Cairo, and to those of us who are interested in the welfare of the city. To show the amount of patriotism in the county and city allow me to give you a few figures. I have myself, during the year, assisted 303 persons at a cost of \$280. During the year I have rendered assistance to 921 persons at a cost of \$1,133 25. I have by my order as mayor passed across the rivers 256 persons, or a total who have received assistance for the year of 1,382 persons at a cost of \$1,413 25. The amount of this amount there was at the commencement of the year and committed during the same 75 persons to the poor farm, who at a monthly cost of \$10 each is equivalent to \$750, or a yearly sum of \$9,000. The Jeff has collected from the city limits the past year 265 persons. There has been convicted during the year in the circuit court and county court, ending April 30th, 1876, 65 persons for crimes ranging from petty larceny to murder. This immense burden has to be borne a

City population..... 9,000
County population..... 3,500
Total..... 12,500
In conclusion I would recommend to your honorable body the engaging of the city clerk, and the police, so that the force can be reduced by resolution of the council to any number. I would recommend that the finance committee be instructed to correspond with the holders of city bonds, for the purpose of finding out if some cannot be affected where the principal and interest can be reduced, the old bonds taken up, and new ones running 30 years at a reduced rate of interest. Also that a committee of conference be appointed, to consider the same, and to report to the view of the city becoming the owner. I would also recommend the repeal of the ordinance governing the hauling of garbage, also the repeal of the hog ordinance, as the same are the cause of the city's expense, and thereby cause a saving to the city of hundreds of dollars. I would also recommend that as little public work be done as possible; reduce the city expenses in every way consistent with the public good, and lighten the heavy burden of taxation that now bears down upon the taxpayer, till such times as there is a reaction in our business and financial affairs.

Yours respectfully,
HENRY WINTER, Mayor.
On motion of Alderman Halliday the message was received and ordered spread upon the records, and printed with the minutes of this meeting.

REPORTS.
Monthly report of ex-City Treasurer B. F. Blake, was presented and read, and on motion received and ordered filed.
Annual report of ex-City Treasurer Blake was also read as follows:
Annual Report of B. F. Blake, city treasurer, for year ending April 30th, 1876.

RECEIPTS.
Balance in treasury May 1, 1875, 4,221 14
By amount received from A. H. Irvin, county collector, on general warrant, 1874..... 26,987 17
By amount received from A. H. Irvin, county collector, on general warrant, 1875..... 1,212 00
By amount received from A. H. Irvin, county collector, on account of gravel road warrant..... 942 95
By amount received from A. H. Irvin, county collector, on sidewalk warrant..... 807 41
By amount received from subscription to new levee loan..... 9,880 00
By amount B. F. Blake, treasurer, balance of city order account—new levee unpaid..... 9 74
By amount received from B. F. Bross, P. M., fines collected..... 14,752 36
By amount received from J. J. Bird, P. M., fines collected..... 347 65
By amount received from A. Comings, J. P., fines collected..... 155 10
By amount received from Lynch & Howley to redeem property bought by city at tax sale..... 105 24
By amount received from B. Bross, weigh master..... 63 38
By amount received from White, Wells & Co., insurance agent's commissions..... 22 64
By amount received from W. F. Pitcher, insurance agent's commissions..... 11 88
By amount received from J. H. Obery, refunded on account of Washington trip..... 46 00
By amount received from B. Thoms, city laborers on sidewalks..... 11 85

Total receipts..... 60,123 26
To amount paid on account New Levee, cash..... 9,840 27
To amount paid interest bearing city orders, and interest on same..... 1,647 47
To amount paid on account of notes issued to borrow money to gravel Levee street..... 2,750 93
To amount bonds redeemed..... 550 00
By amount city order paid..... 25,361 70
By amount interest on A. H. Irvin, balance in treasury May 1st, 1876..... 302 20

Total expenditures..... 60,123 26
Monthly report of F. Bross, police magistrate, for March, was presented. Not having attached thereto the treasurer's receipt for amount of fines collected, on motion of Alderman Halliday said report was laid on the table.

The committee on Claims reported back the following bills with recommendation that same be paid in full:
Henry Winter, mayor, salary for April..... \$ 41 67
John H. Gossman, city marshal, salary for April..... 75 00
J. J. Bird, police magistrate, salary for April..... 25 00
J. C. Lahue, A. Cain, Wm. Brown, W. W. Wooten, Henry Sargent and Martin O'Malley, police constables, salaries for April, each..... 60 00
Jno. Clancy, dieting prisoners in city jail, for April 1st days, at 50 cents..... 50 50
Jno. Clancy, extra meals furnished prisoners during April..... 7 33
Dan J. Hartman, rent of allowance for election one day..... 5 00
James Carroll, rent of houses for one day..... 5 00
Harmon H. Blake, one quarter's salary as city attorney..... 100 00
Steve Hunter, hauling drunks..... 35
Cairo Bulletin, printing council proceedings and one book of levee receipts..... 22 00
B. F. Bross & Co., printing one police constable bonds..... 4 75
B. F. Bross & Co., printing one book tally blanks for city clerk..... 2 50
J. S. McGauley, 1,200 feet oak lumber..... 19 29
James Patterson, filling 18 loads at 30 cents..... 5 40
Dan McCarthy, six days work on streets with jail gang, at \$2..... 12 00
Tom Boyle, two days work with jail gang..... 4 00
Tom Boyle, two days work with team at \$1..... 3 00
Timothy Gorman, superintendent of streets, salary for April..... 60 00
Stratton & Bird, 2 kegs nails..... 6 50
Halliday Bros., 175 sacks, twine, etc..... 27 75
C. Thirrup, levelling from government gauge to Twentyfourth street and putting in gauge rod..... 10 00
J. C. Heuls, one eight quire journal..... 17 50
B. H. Cunningham, rent of council chamber for April..... 15 00

Alderman Wright moved that said bills be allowed as read and orders drawn on the treasurer for the amounts named. Carried by the following vote:
Ayes—Halliday, Lancaster, McGauley, Parker, Patier, Rittenhouse, Thistlewood, Wilcox, Wright and Youcum—10.
Nays—None.

The committee on claims also reported back salary bills of W. F. Anney, ex-city clerk, of B. F. Blake, ex-city treasurer, and of F. Bross, police magistrate, with recommendation that they be not allowed until all reports due from such were presented to the city council and approved.
Alderman Lancaster moved that the report of the committee upon said bills be concurred in.
Alderman Wright moved to amend by excepting the salary bill of Mr. Blake, as his reports are now all in and approved, and that an order be drawn upon the treasurer for the amount of his salary for April. Amendment carried by the following vote:
Ayes—Halliday, Lancaster, McGauley, Parker, Patier, Rittenhouse, Thistlewood, Wilcox, Wright and Youcum—10.
Nays—None.

The committee on claims also reported back bill of Hopkins and Stephens for planting and boxing 50 trees in St. Mary's park, amounting to \$47 50, with recommendation that said bill be allowed in two warrants, viz.,
To Hopkins and Stephens..... \$19 85
Newton Rice..... 17 65
On motion the bill was allowed as recommended, by the following vote:
Ayes—Halliday, Lancaster, McGauley, Parker, Patier, Rittenhouse, Thistlewood, Wilcox, Wright and Youcum—10.
Nays—None.

The committee on claims also reported back bill of election judges and clerks, recommending that same be allowed at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents per day, each, as provided by ordinance.
Alderman Lancaster moved to concur in recommendation of the committee, which motion was lost by the following vote:
Ayes—Lancaster, McGauley, Patier, Rittenhouse and Thistlewood—5.
Nays—Halliday, Parker, Wilcox, Wright and Youcum—5.

On motion of Alderman Wright the said bills were referred back to the committee on claims. The committee on claims also reported back bill of Amos Amount, for hauling one person to jail, amounting to fifty cents, with recommendation that the sum of thirty cents be allowed in full of said bill.

Alderman Patier moved that said recommendation be concurred in, and order drawn on the treasurer for the amount. Carried by the following vote:
Ayes—Halliday, Lancaster, McGauley, Parker, Patier, Rittenhouse, Thistlewood, Wilcox, Wright and Youcum—10.
Nays—None.

The committee on Claims also reported back the bills of the Cairo City Gas company, for gas consumed in street lamps during March, amounting to \$33 40, and for same during April, \$33 60, with recommendation that the sum of \$66 00 be allowed in full for said bill for March, and the sum of \$33 60 for April; said reductions being based upon the city marshal's report of the number of gas lamps not lit during the months of March and April.

Alderman Wright moved that the report be concurred in, and orders be drawn upon the treasury for the amounts named by the committee, which motion prevailed by the following vote:
Ayes—Halliday, Lancaster, McGauley, Parker, Patier, Rittenhouse, Thistlewood, Wilcox, Wright and Youcum—10.
Nays—None.

The Finance Committee also reported that they had examined the report of ex-City Treasurer Blake, and had found them correct, also that they had received from him, and had destroyed by burning, all the cancelled city orders, interest bearing city orders and interest coupons therein reported. On motion said report was received and ordered filed.

The Ordinance Committee to whom was referred an ordinance entitled "an ordinance to regulate the use of steam power on and along streets and avenues within the corporate limits of the City of Cairo," reported the same back with the recommendation that action thereon be indefinitely postponed. On motion of Alderman Lancaster said report was received, and the recommendation of the committee concurred in.

The special committee appointed at the last meeting of the council to consider the communication from the several fire companies in relation to the celebration of the coming Fourth of July, reported as follows:
Alderman Rittenhouse moved that the report be received, and that the persons suggested be hereby appointed as such committees. Carried.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council GENTLEMEN:—We would suggest on behalf of the celebration to be held on the 4th of July, that you appoint as a committee of final arrangements, one from your body, one from each fire company, one from the railroad interests, one from the Chamber of Commerce, one from river transportation, one from the Knights Templar, one from the Masons, one from the Odd Fellows, one from the Casino, one from the Hunting Club, one from the St. Patrick's Benevolent Society, one from the Ancient Order of Hibernians, one from each band, one from the Sunday schools, one from the Taylor Literary Society, one from the Turners, one from the Mystic Krew, one from the city at large, one from the Boating Club and Amateur String Band.

Would suggest as suitable persons to constitute such committee the following named gentlemen:
From the council—His Honor, the mayor.
Delta City fire company—John Holmes.
Hibernian fire company—Wm. McHale.
Rough and Ready fire company—J. G. Steinhouse.
Arab fire company—A. Lohr.
Railroads—H. L. Morrill.
Chamber of Commerce—Peter Cull.
River Transportation—Major E. W. Halliday.
Knights Templar—Dr. C. W. Dunning.
Masons—Ex-Mayor John Wood.
Odd Fellows—W. K. Hawkins.
Knight of Pythias—John Robinson.
Cairo Casino—Herman Meyers.
Hunting club—W. T. Beerwart.
St. Patrick's Benevolent society—W. O'Callahan.
Ancient Order of Hibernians—D. McCarthy.
Taylor Literary society—Louis Schuckers.
Turners—Ed. Buder.
Silver Cornet band—F. Bross.
Delta City Cornet band—P. H. Schah.
National band—Prof. Eisenburg.
Sunday schools—B. F. Blake.
From the city at large—Col. S. Staats Taylor.
Mystic Krew—C. Hardy.
Boating association—John I. Asthorpe.
Amateur string band—Frank McCarthy.
Base ball—Phil Howard.
All of which is respectfully submitted,
W. P. WRIGHT,
JEWETT WILCOX,
GEO. YOCUM,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.
Alderman Thistlewood offered the following resolution, and moved the adoption of the same, which was carried:
WHEREAS, The condition of Eighth street, between Commercial and Washington avenues, is such as to require immediate attention, therefore
Resolved, That the Street Committee be instructed to have said street repaired and put in good order.

The bond of Winter & Stewart, auctioneers, was presented, and on motion, approved.
The clerk then read the following communication:
OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CAIRO CITY PROPERTY,
CAIRO, ILL., May 9, 1876.

To the City Council, of the City of Cairo: GENTLEMEN:—Among the proceedings in the circuit court of the United States, for the Southern district of Illinois, in a case in which the undersigned is complainant, and the Cairo and St. Louis Railroad company and the City of Cairo are defendants, I had an appearance entered for the city by Messrs. Judd & Whitehouse, of Chicago, as solicitors for the city, and an answer filed by them for the city, signed by the mayor and sworn to by him.

In this answer it is stated that the city expressly denies that the piece of land upon which the new levee is being constructed, and which is designated as New Levee street, is one of the public streets of said city.
The trustees of the Cairo City Property had no authority to convey the ground upon which the new levee is constructed except for a public street, and as such the conveyance made, as will appear by the instrument of dedication on record in the recorder's office for the county. If the denial that the piece of ground called New Levee street, is a street is persisted in, it seems to me that the city denies its title to the ground upon which the new levee is built, and if the answer filed for the city is not withdrawn it will be the duty of the undersigned to